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Security cam footage of "the competition" taking the SUPERSTRUCTURE™ from the Hyundai display at the Auto Show. Follow the clues at www.HyundaiSuperSearch.com for the chance to win a $20,000 reward.

SUPER HEIST!

The SUPERSTRUCTURE™, the advanced frame found in the all-new 2017 Hyundai Elantra, was on display at the Canadian International AutoShow and went missing on Saturday, February 13th, sometime between 1:30am and 2am.

The discovery was made by Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. President and CEO, Don Romano. "I was doing my usual walk around the Hyundai booth to start the day off and I was shocked to see our revolutionary SUPERSTRUCTURE™ was just… gone," he said.

Shortly after the discovery, Hyundai Canada received a ransom video (pictured below) featuring three representatives from the company's competition. In the video, which Hyundai officials posted online at www.HyundaiSuperSearch.com, "the competition" claims responsibility, brags about their heist, and announces plans to reverse engineer the SUPERSTRUCTURE™ and the Advanced High Strength Steel with which it's made.

A screen capture taken from the ransom video received by Hyundai Canada President and CEO, with three representatives from the company's competition claiming responsibility for the heist.

When it was confirmed the SUPERSTRUCTURE™ had in fact been taken by the competition, Hyundai Canada Marketing Director, Lawrence Hamilton, and his team, immediately began asking for people to help find it by registering to become part of the search team at www.HyundaiSuperSearch.com. For taking part in the search, Canadian residents will have the chance to be rewarded with a $20,000 grand prize or 1 of 4 weekly rewards of $2,500. As more clues are discovered, Hyundai Canada will release details on the website as well as on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

"By simply signing up, you can submit answers to clues that are uncovered throughout the investigation," said Hamilton as he was putting up posters at the Auto Show. "Simply put, our competition has stolen our SUPERSTRUCTURE™ and we need everyone's help. All you have to do is follow the clues and help us find it for a chance to win."

Thanks to the SUPERSTRUCTURE™, the all-new 2017 Elantra is threatening to set a new benchmark for ride comfort, precise handling, and enhanced safety.

"If we can get Canadian residents to help us search for our SUPERSTRUCTURE™, I have no doubt it will be recovered before our competition can learn our secrets," concluded Romano.

For more on this story, refer to the back of the paper…

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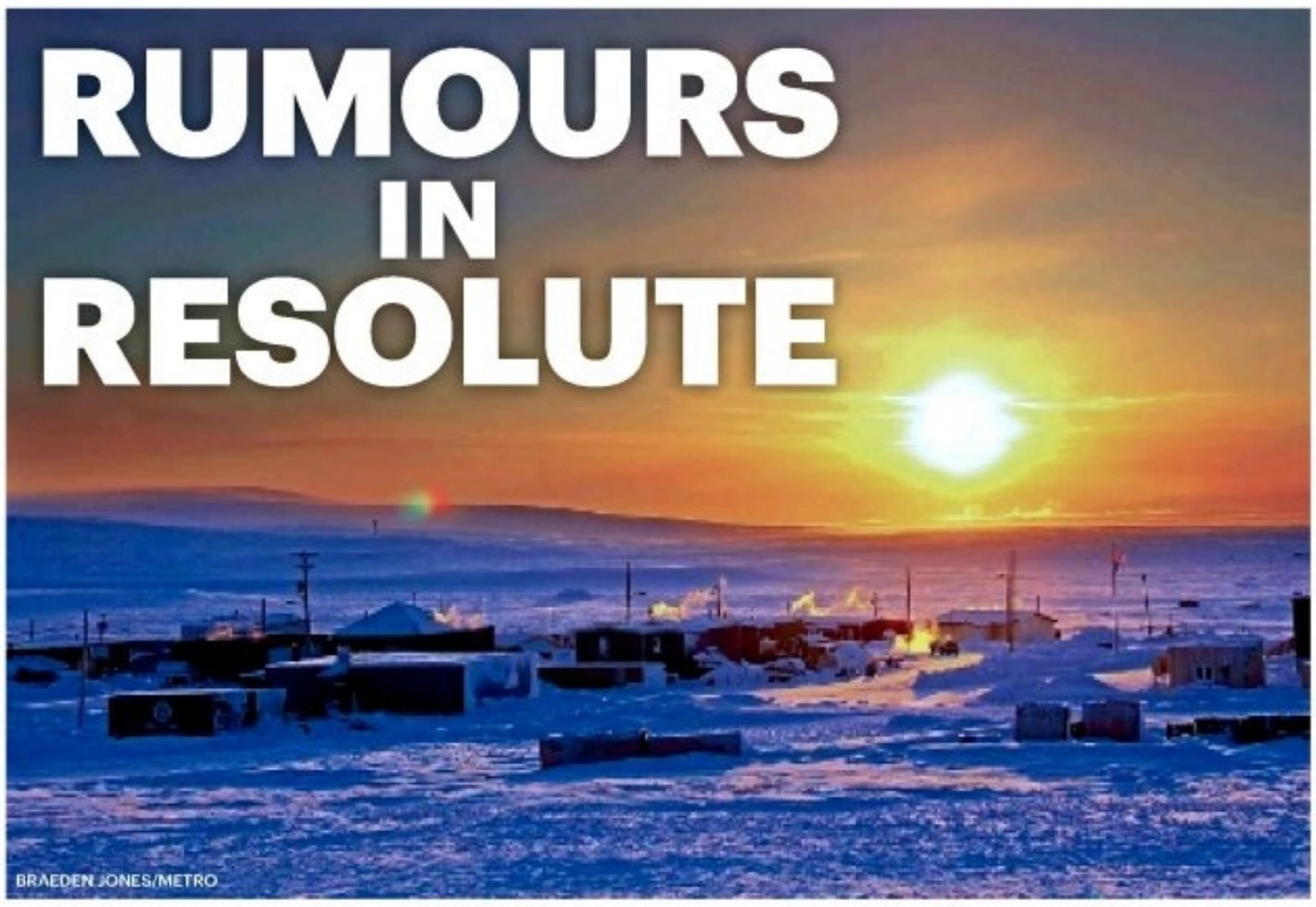

RUMOURS IN RESOLUTE

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The relationship between Canada's military and some northern residents is a delicate thing

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Missing teen found dead

COOPER NEMETH

Police charge 22-year-old man with murder

Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg police have arrested a 22-year-old man after what is likely to be the body of a missing teen was discovered in a garbage bin near a home in the Valley Gardens neighbourhood.

Cooper Nemeth, 17, disappeared after leaving a house party in the early morning hours of Valentine's Day. His disappearance sparked a massive community search effort, spearheaded by his aunt, Laresa Sayles. That same aunt posted on social media that the search had been called off Saturday night.

Winnipeg police service Dept. Chief Danny Smyth confirmed that a body had been found on Bayne Crescent, concealed in a garbage bin near a home on Bayne Crescent. He said the police service believes the body to be Cooper's, but added it needed to be confirmed by medical experts.

Smyth said based on the injuries to the body, the WPS believes the person was murdered. He added the homeowners were the ones who found the body and called police.

Roshan Posthumulla and his wife found Cooper's body in their backyard near their back door. He said someone broke through his fence and dragged the body in the bin through the yard and left it at about 8 p.m. Saturday.

Police have arrested Nicholas Bell-Wright, 22, and charged him with second-degree murder.

Smyth said Cooper did leave with people after a party as reported and said "It's fair to say this was drug-related."

Bell-Wright is associated with the home Winnipeg police raided on Friday on Treger Bay. Neighbours told Metro that police removed bags of evidence and towed a vehicle away.

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Winnipeggers enjoy the Table for 1200 event on the Esplanade Riel in 2014. ELISHA DACEY/METRO FILE

Everyone has that favourite go-to place, whether it's a hairstylist where the conversation is great and the hairdos are better, an auto repair shop that gives you the straight goods and exceptional service or a simple, cozy place to grab a great cuppa Joe.

Now we're asking you to share those places with others! After all, they deserve some recognition.

That's why we've launched the brand new Metro Winnipeg Community Choice Awards — a simple online portal that allows you to tell us about amazing Winnipeg businesses and then let the community vote them to the top.

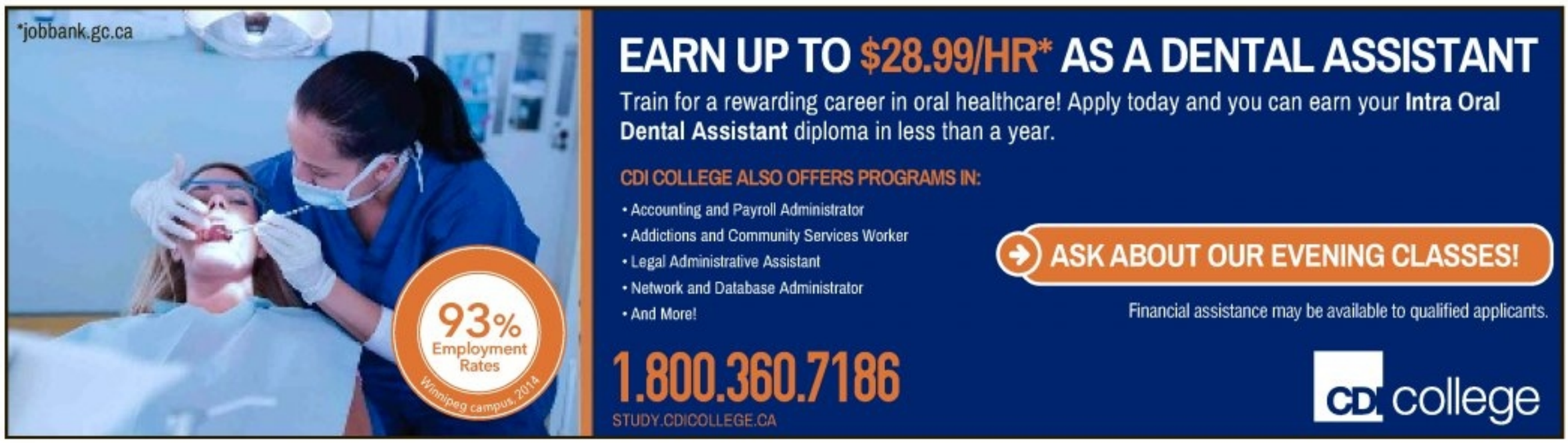
"We're thrilled to present the Community Choice Awards in Winnipeg," said Metro English Canada Vice President and Group Publisher - Western Canada, Steve Shrout.

"This is an opportunity for the citizens of Winnipeg to celebrate and identify their favourite businesses and for us to be a part of shining the spotlight on the exemplary work being done locally in our business community."

The Metro Winnipeg Community Choice Awards will cover several categories, including (but not limited to): Automotive, Food and Drink, Business or Service and Entertainment, so readers will not only see Winnipeg businesses in the spotlight, but great recommendations are at their fingertips if they're looking for something in particular to suit their needs.

Metro will bring you the results of our reader-driven awards in special editions scheduled for both May and July. Winners will be grouped into three categories: gold, silver and bronze.

Have your say! Nominate a Winnipeg business you think deserves the limelight and then vote on the nominations at winnipeg.metrocommunitychoice.com. METRO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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Flying in the Arctic a higher calling

Both he and his orders come from Winnipeg, but Cpt. Andrew Mukosky spends most of his time flying small aircraft around Canada's Arctic.

"I love it," Mukosky says of his current posting. He's based in Yellowknife as part of 440 Squadron, and is managed by Winnipeg's 17 Wing.

"It's remote," he said. "How many Canadians do you know have been this far North, in the high Arctic, you know? It's a part of Canada no one usually gets to see."

For exercise Arctic Ram — which saw more than 120 Canadian army reservists deploy in Resolute Bay and expand North — Mukosky and the Twin Otter aircraft he flies with a small crew are the operation's lone air asset.

He runs (or more accurately, flies) supplies, people and information out to squadrons of men that have been camping and advancing North by snowmobile.

Sometimes that's a hard job.

Mukosky was in a Twin Otter that clipped a hard-packed snowbank with its tail section early last week during a supply run.

> **It speaks to me on different levels. I can't really describe it.**
> Cpt. Andrew Mukosky

But the mishap was "nothing out of the ordinary."

He explained how visibility is limited by the low sun position this season, and combined with ice fog, separating the ground from the sky is difficult.

"(With) low sun angle, it doesn't produce enough contrast for us… it's nothing but white around here, so once the sun does go low enough, it produces shadows, and within those shadows we lose sight of anything that might harm the aircraft," Mukosky said. "You're trekking along, you can only see so much given the speeds that we fly at, and of course you'll hit a snow drift."

The plane's tail has protection, but in this case it "just carved right through the ice and snow."

He got the plane back to the Arctic Training Centre for repairs easily enough, as damage wasn't serious, but it's part of what he and the other pilots in the north deal with every day: some of the toughest flying conditions in the country.

"Challenges up here are obviously weather, both temperature and winds," he said. "Specifically with greater winds, we get decreased visibility and (that's) what hurts us when we're trying to go in somewhere."

But despite how difficult it can be, Mukosky raves about his life in Yellowknife and work in the North.

"It speaks to me on different levels, I can't really describe it," he said.

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+ STATIONED

Cpt. Andrew Mukosky is currently flying small aircraft around the Canadian arctic as part of the 440 Squadron in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

He routinely transports supplies, people and information to other groups that camp on land and advance by snowmobile.

Anders Mukosky stands near the Twin Otter aircraft he pilots for CAF operations in Northern Canada. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Arctic 7: A view of sea ice near Resolute Bay from a Twin Otter aircraft around midday. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Satellite hunt shows North's symbiotic life

ARCTIC COMMUNITIES

Squadrons seeking scrap disrupt local hunting areas

Rumour has it there's a downed satellite somewhere near Resolute Bay.

The community of fewer than 250 inhabitants is a place where information spreads fast by word of mouth.

And a few weeks back the word on the snow-covered street was the military would be up to collect pieces of a satellite that crashed near one of the country's northern-most hamlets.

The overall military presence was no surprise because the Arctic Training Centre is on a compound just a short snowmobile ride from Resolute.

But squadrons of men running around the area looking for scrap metal is troubling for the hamlet's inhabitants, who rely on hunting those lands for sustenance.

Philip Manik Sr., the chairperson of the Hunters and Trappers Association in Resolute, said hunters "not only hunt for themselves," but also share their bounty out of necessity.

"In our culture, if you have food you give it to people who can't hunt," Manik said. "Women without husbands, elderly people, and these days people who are without jobs who are getting older."

Resolute Senior Administrative Officer Angela Idlout said the hamlet normally has about 35 employees — a good number of whom maintain buildings, roads, or the hamlet's busy runway — there are about 80 students in the community and a lot of the other people don't work.

"They can't always afford to buy food, so they go get it," Idlout said.

Groceries are expensive. Flown in by northern charter Calm Air from either Yellowknife or Winnipeg, the prices for food and essentials at the lone Co-Op grocery store are considerably higher than in either of those cities.

Milk is as expensive as $9.19 for a 2-litre jug in Resolute, oranges are $6.99 per kilogram, a can of beans is $9.99, a 1 kg bag of chicken nuggets is $28.99 and a box of diapers is $37.99.

Hunting is essential food-gathering for the community.

So the rumour about the satellite made it to people who would seek answers, including local wildlife officers, local RCMP, the hamlet office, and Manik.

Manik was at a meeting last week at which the military's Liason Officer, Lt. Navy Clayton Erickson, clarified the rumour was just that.

"It's a story," Erickson told the committee of interested parties. "The actual satellite plan was only for story, there is no material left on the land."

Phillip Manik Sr.
BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

The "downed satellite" scenario was just a fabricated narrative for the soldiers engaged in Exercise Arctic Ram, which is an annual training exercise for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members to practice northern operations.

> **If there are any concerns, I can bring that back so we can potentially change our plans.**
> Clayton Erickson

It's also the first northern op for the CAF this year, and will soon be followed by several others in what the military calls the "N" series.

Next is Op Nunalivut, when troops will deploy in the area on March 29.

Through a translator, Manik asked Erickson to pass on the tip that CAF members should not only avoid hunting areas and animals, but also "the hunters themselves."

Someone alone on the ice may look stranded, but is more likely standing over a seal hole.

Erickson agreed.

"Everyone will take every possible (action) to avoid disturbing any hunting," he said.

Driving back to the ATC from that meeting, Erickson said the military needs to be able to operate out of communities like Resolute, or further North places like Grise Fiord and Alert on Northern Ellesmere Island. It's critical to demonstrating the CAF's ability to assert Canada's sovereignty.

But he emphasized that cohabitating symbiotically and respecting the unique way of life of Canada's Arctic inhabitants is always the priority, and the CAF will take queues seriously.

"We want to make sure everyone is on the same page and everyone is happy," he said.

"If there are any concerns, I can bring that back so we can potentially change our plans if need be."

Churches aim to heal with talks

TRC

Series will help those abused at residential schools

Bailey Hildebrand
For Metro

Ten churches in Winnipeg are coming together to promote healing and reconciliation for residential school survivors.

The churches, along with the Salvation Army, are holding a four-part speaker series beginning Monday in response to a Truth and Reconciliation Commission report.

Ted Fontaine was forced into a residential school when he was seven and will be sharing his story Monday night.

Fontaine, who is Ojibway, said on top of the physical and sexual abuse, he and other indigenous people are working to come to terms with losing their language and culture.

"I think that was the most devastating aspect of residential schools," Fontaine said. "To lose your identity and also to be sexually abused, physically abused. A lot of our people will not deal with that. It gets hidden. We still have dreams, nightmares about it."

Ted Fontaine, a survivor of the residential school system, stands outside the Park Café at Assiniboine Park Feb. 19, 2016 after a planning meeting for Monday night's discussion. BAILEY HILDEBRAND/FOR METRO

Fontaine said he started to come to terms with what had happened around 40 years ago. He said it's therapeutic to write and talk about his experiences.

Fontaine said after years, he was able to reconcile with one of his abusers.

"It's taken around five years to get to this point," Fontaine said. "It slowly evolved into a talking relationship, up to the point where he actually apologized to me. It took a little while longer and it actually came to a point where I said, 'I forgive you.'"

> **"It slowly evolved into a talking relationship, up to the point where he actually apologized to me.**
> Ted Fontaine, who was abused at a residential school 40 years ago, on meeting one of his abusers.

Gary Robson, chair of the series' organizing committee, said it was important to facilitate the talks to bring the issue of residential schools to light.

"We felt it was important, as Christians, to do something in the light of what has come out through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report," Robson said.

"We need to look at the truth, accept it as the truth and try to discern what we can do to help with the reconciliation process." All four talks will take place at Sturgeon Creek United Church at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22, March 14, April 25, and May 16.

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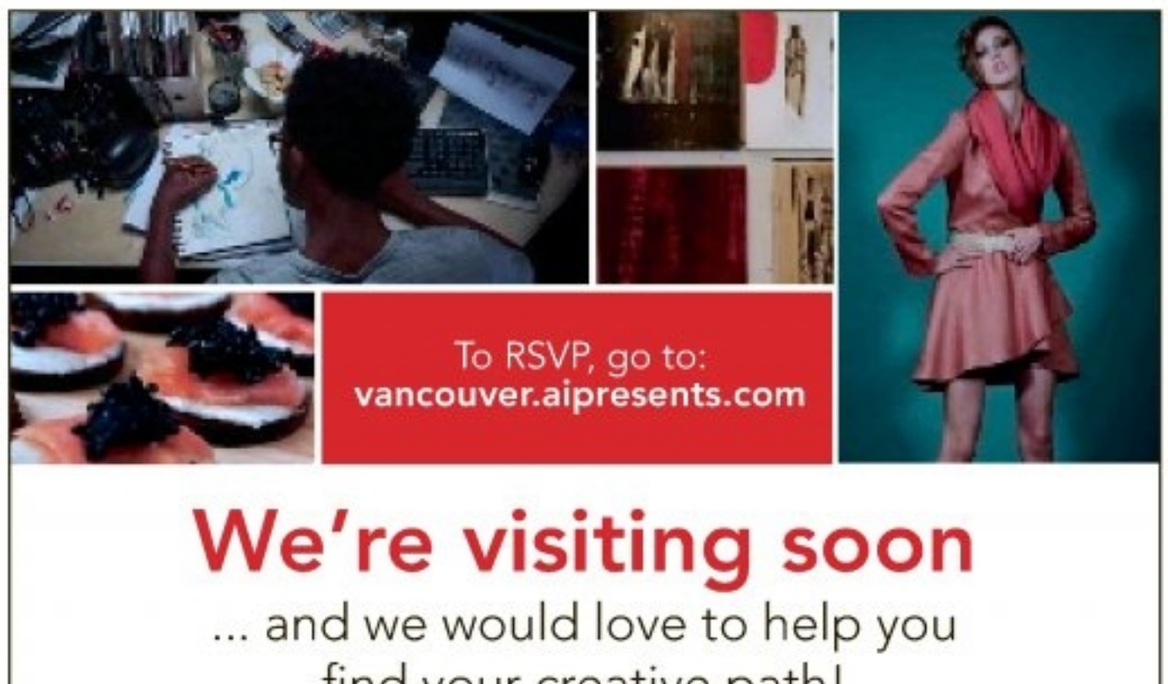
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IN BRIEF

Police raid grow-op

Winnipeg police have seized more than $60,000 of marijuana from a house on in the 300 block of Selkirk Avenue.

A 44-year-old man was arrested without incident.

Police said 54 pot plants, with an estimated street value of $60,480 were seized, along with 337 grams of dried pot, with a price tag of approximately $3,377. Grow equipment valued at $2,035, and small amounts of cannabis resin and methamphetamine were also taken, police say.

The suspect has since been released on a promise to appear. METRO

City budgets to be tabled March 2, passed March 22

The wait will soon be over for taxpayers chomping at the bit to see what's in store for their pocketbooks in 2016-17.

The city says the preliminarily 2016 operating and capital budgets will be tabled during a special meeting of the Executive Policy Committee March 2.

Both budgets have been prepared by a nine-person working group, incorporated feedback from locals who participated in the budget survey, the city's finance chair Coun. Marty Morantz, said.

"I wish to express my deepest appreciation to everyone who contributed their ideas and voices and helped create a responsible and balanced approach to an immense $74-million deficit challenge. I encourage all Winnipeggers to continue participating throughout the coming weeks."

Once tabled, the budgets will undergo a review process at seven different city committee levels. The city says budgets will be passed during a special meeting on March 22. METRO

Joanne Schiewe, Mayor Brian Bowman, Mark McDonald and Winnipeg Police Service chief Devon Clunis on their marks at the Winnipeg Police Service Half Marathon kickoff . BAILEY HILDEBRAND/FOR METRO

Woman with cancer ready to race for cause

COURAGE

Chemo won't deter her from running half marathon

Bailey Hildebrand
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A Winnipeg woman undergoing chemotherapy for a brain tumour is set to run the Winnipeg Police Service Half Marathon for the second year in a row.

Joanne Schiewe, who has participated in the Ironman Triathalon, decided to run the half marathon last year after she was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

"I had no idea what my future was going to look like," Schiewe said at a kickoff event for the 12th annual half marathon. "I didn't know if I was going to be able to continue doing what I loved, but in the end it was what I needed to do to live a more normal life."

Schiewe said she went in for chemotherapy the morning of last year's race.

She also said it was important for her to participate in an activity she loved while helping other people who were also in treatment for cancer. Not only did she run, but she also raised more than $24,000 on her own. All proceeds from the marathon go to the Canadian Cancer Society for research.

> **"it was what I needed to do to live a more normal life."**
> Joanne Schiewe

Mark McDonald, executive director of the Canadian Cancer Society of Manitoba commended Schiewe for her contributions to the event despite the disease.

"It's a hard to fight cancer," McDonald said. "The survival rate is 25 per cent. We know that with research, those numbers can be changed."

McDonald said every dollar marathoners raise will be matched by Brain Canada for brain cancer research.

Mayor Brian Bowman said he would be running the 5K route and hoped that people pledged donations on behalf of Schiewe, rather than himself.

To date, the marathon has raised $1.2 million for cancer research. This year's race takes place May 1.

CITY COUNCIL

Compost plan faces backlash

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Two councillors want to trash Winnipeg's proposed curbside organics program in favour of taking a closer look at other options and existing collection programs.

Councillors Ross Eadie and Russ Wyatt circulated a media release Friday, announcing plans to table a notice of motion to halt implementation and any public consultation for a city-wide curbside composting program, which would see residents pay an annual $55-$100 extra on their water bills.

Eadie says he hears from residents, particularly those on fixed incomes, that's too high a price.

"Just think about: You're on employment and income assistance, you've got some kids, you're renting a house, and you're responsible for paying the water bill. Are they getting an increase in their income to cover off this added cost?" he said Friday.

That's why Eadie is proposing that city staff find more ways to incentivize people to compost in their own backyards through subsidies, which he says has not been explored as a viable option.

"We do need to get the diversion rates up, I'm not saying we, as a society, don't have to deal with impacts on the environment," he explained. "But to just force people that are already doing it, where's the fairness in that?"

Wyatt agrees, saying that curbside collection is the "Cadillac" version of composting, and carries heavy costs to both taxpayers and the city.

If passed, staff would also be tasked with developing a program to reduce organic waste produced by large-scale commercial and industrial institutions, such as hospitals, restaurants and universities.

MANITOBA

Premier says sorry for missteps

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger's first television ad of the 2016 election campaign offers an apology to voters and an admission he and his government "haven't always gotten it right."

Selinger says it's been "a tough year" and his government is letting Manitobans know that if the government did something "that caught them off guard or offended them," they regret it.

The minute-long ad follows the apology with Selinger saying all of his decisions have been made with the public's best interests in mind and touts accomplishments such as increasing daycare spaces and shrinking classroom sizes.

He says despite two major floods and a severe global recession, progress is being made in health care, education, jobs and the environment.

There are two months to go before the April 19 election and at this point the NDP is lagging well behind in the polls.

Selinger's popularity has plummeted since he broke a 2011 promise not to raise the PST.

Opposition leader Brian Pallister isn't impressed, saying the ad is "clearly designed as a vote-getting tactic."

"You don't get a re-do," says Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari. "You're running on your record. That's just factual." CTV WINNIPEG/CJOB/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WILDLIFE

Assiniboine losing two lions

A pair of brother lions at the Assiniboine Park Zoo are moving overseas.

The zoo says Bhanu and Kamal, twin Asiatic lions, are headed to zoological facilities in England as per recommendations from the European Endangered Species program.

The lions came to Winnipeg in the spring of 2012 from Germany, and have spent the past four years as part of the lion exhibit.

"We know that the lions are a visitor favourite," Gary Lunsford, head of zoological operations at the zoo, said in a statement.

"While we're sad to see them go this is an important part of species survival, and helping save endangered species."

The zoo says the lions will be moved to separate facilities, which house female Asiatic lions in hopes that they breed. METRO

One of the lions. CONTRIBUTED

A eulogy for four-legged friends

The death of a Calgary Zoo otter has sparked a conversation about the safety of animals across the country. Here, Metro remembers some of the better-known critters that have died in recent years — some naturally, others not. Yet they all have one thing in common: They were beloved by their communities. METRO

HALIFAX
TUXEDO STAN

This friendly feline captivated the nation and, indeed, the world when he ran for mayor in 2012. Saddened by Halifax's feral-cat problems, Tuxedo Stan spearheaded the Tuxedo Party movement and ran for office to draw attention to the issue. While Stan did not win, in Stan's name, city council provided a $40,000 grant to the local SPCA. While Stan won this fight, he sadly lost against cancer in 2013.

OTTAWA
BIG BOY

You might think of wild boars as a scourge on farmers and fearsome to residents. But Big Boy, as this particular wild boar was known, was a domesticated pet and much beloved by his owner Donna Lampron. Big Boy was shot when he wandered onto the property of Thomas Blair, a resident in Moose Creek, just outside Ottawa. However, Blair didn't know the boar was a pet and felt he was justified in his actions.

TORONTO
WHITE SQUIRREL

Many headlines have been written about Toronto's white squirrels — friendly residents among the trees of the Trinity Bellwoods neighbourhood. So loved are the squirrels that they have their own Twitter account, @WhiteSquirrelTO, and inspired White Squirrel Café. So the shock of seeing a white squirrel dangling from a hydro power cord, dead from apparent electrocution, echoed across the city, breaking the hearts of many.

WINNIPEG
BAIKAL

An Amur tiger, Baikal, who lived in Assiniboine Park Zoo, died after it was attacked by a younger male tiger. Baikal had wandered into an enclosure where two youngsters were being housed. The zoo said a gate connecting the two enclosures had been mistakenly left unlocked, which allowed Baikal to get in.

CALGARY
LOGAN

In a tragic tale, Logan the Otter, who lived in the Calgary Zoo, drowned last week after becoming entangled in a pair of pants left in his pool. This was chalked up to "human error," but many people are lashing out at the zoo, saying it's not the first time such incidents have happened.

VANCOUVER
WALLY

Wally the sea otter was found suffering on the shores of Tofino, B.C. It was discovered that Wally was blind and suffering from gunshot wounds, so veterinarians amputated part of his flipper and cared for his injuries. Wally went on to win the hearts of Vancouver Aquarium's staff and visitors. The aquarium says Wally's last years were happy, but his health began to deteriorate in the spring. He died shortly after.

Duffy trial moves on from facts to final conclusions

As a former journalist, Sen. Mike Duffy knows the components of a story — you need the who, the what, the where, the when, the why and the how.

In the 61 days an Ottawa courtroom heard evidence on the 31 charges of fraud, breach-of-trust and bribery the senator is facing, the Crown and the defence argued the first five points.

But with the start of closing arguments on Monday, both sides will now get to the final element so necessary to their respective sides of the case, says Peter Sankoff, a law professor at the University of Alberta.

"It's about the how — how does all this stuff add up to guilt or innocence," he said.

Duffy, 69, has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The closing submissions cap off a trial that began in April and was initially supposed to last just eight weeks. But it's a story that starts back in 2008, when the popular broadcaster was appointed by former prime minister Stephen Harper as a Conservative senator for P.E.I.

Mike Duffy faces 31 charges of fraud, breach-of-trust and bribery related to inappropriate expenses. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Four years later, questions about whether Duffy could justifiably claim to be a resident of that province began to surface, and from those, more questions emerged about his expenses and living claims.

He'd eventually publicly admit to confusion with the rules and pay $90,000 back into the public purse — money it would later emerge was not his, but came from Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright. More questions would emerge, this time about the partisan work Duffy was doing and whether taxpayers should have been footing the bill for that, too, as he was billing the Senate for some of those trips.

The whos and wheres and whens and whats of his expenses were the meat of the weeks of testimony that dragged on far longer than anyone expected, including through the early part of the fall election campaign.

> What the judge says could have some impact on how the government does business.
> Peter Sankoff

There's no question the changing of the political guard in Ottawa took some of the air out of the proceedings, Sankoff noted. But neither side has any room left for it anyway.

"What they were dealing with for long periods, who knew what at what time, who was dealing with the decision, I don't think any of that matters anymore," he said. "I think they are really going to focus to the extent that they will on trying to explain why he should or shouldn't be convicted."

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AVIATION

Possibilities for drones endless

A smile breaks out across Wyatt Travis's face as the machine tilts slightly and whirrs upward, a continuous buzz echoing from the four dizzying propellers.

It's Travis's first time flying a drone and he couldn't be happier.

"It was incredible," he says after landing the 1.28-kilogram machine. "It was a lot easier than I thought. And a lot of fun."

Once considered the stuff of sci-fi movies, pilot-less flying machines are booming both recreationally and commercially as tech enthusiasts and industries explore their capabilities.

"You have to have your head on a swivel these days because it's advancing so fast and the technology is changing so quickly," says Declan Sweeney, co-founder of Metro Vancouver's first-ever Drone Fair, held in Burnaby this weekend.

Sweeney has been working with drones for nearly 15 years and says when he started, most people flying unmanned aerial vehicles wore military uniforms.

Amazon has plans to use the flying machines to deliver packages, and companies across Canada are already using drones to survey land, monitor wildlife, help rescue operations and more.

Schools are also beginning to educate people about the machines. The British Columbia Institute of Technology will launch a course this April.

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A drone is used to document a roof raising during the renovations at BMO Field. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leave EU: London mayor

POLITICS

Boris Johnson challenges PM, wants U.K. to abandon bloc

A new battle for Britain erupted Sunday, with London Mayor Boris Johnson saying he would join the campaign to encourage Britain to leave the European Union. The move posed a direct challenge to Prime Minister David Cameron, who has launched a major push to keep his country within the 28-nation bloc.

The popular, raffish Johnson immediately becomes the most prominent Conservative Party politician to break ranks with fellow Conservative Cameron's vision of the best course for Britain in a June 23 referendum on EU membership.

The referendum has divided Cameron's Conservative Party — while most in his cabinet back his wish to stay, several cabinet members oppose his stance and are campaigning for the country to break free of EU bureaucracy — a so-called "Brexit."

London Mayor Boris Johnson says he would support a vote for Britain to leave the EU in a referendum in June, dealing a blow to Prime Minister David Cameron. NIKLAS HALLE'N/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The decision of Johnson, a two-term mayor who has been touted as a possible future prime minister, deals a blow to Cameron's hopes of a united front ahead of what is expected to be a hard-fought referendum.

"The last thing I wanted was to go against David Cameron or the government, but after a great deal of heartache I don't think there is anything else I can do," Johnson told reporters outside his London home.

So far, no country has ever left the EU, and several European countries outside the bloc are still working to reform their economies and governance systems so they can join.

Cameron made a firm commitment three years ago to give voters a simple "in or out" referendum if he was re-elected in 2015. He was acting to quell divisions within his own party, which has long had a strong vein of anti-Europe sentiment.

Johnson's decision was not a complete surprise because the 51-year-old former journalist has for several decades criticized the growing EU bureaucracy, first in his newspaper and magazine columns and later from Parliament and city hall.

> **"The last thing I wanted was to go against David Cameron.**
> Mayor Boris Johnson

Striking likely campaign themes, Johnson criticized EU courts for taking too active a role in British affairs and said the entire European project was in danger of spinning out of "proper democratic control."

The mayor was immediately praised by one of the leaders of the "leave" campaign who have been searching for a charismatic figure with mainstream appeal.

The prime minister also cautioned that it if Britain pulls out, it would take years to negotiate such a deal, since it also needs to make sure that British companies still have access to European markets.

Cameron plans to go to Parliament on Monday to formally set in motion the June 23 referendum. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED STATES

Snowden willing to face justice

Speaking via Skype from Russia, Edward Snowden told an audience of supporters in New Hampshire on Saturday that he is willing to be extradited to the United States if the federal government would guarantee he would get a fair trial.

Edward Snowden THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The former National Security Agency contractor in 2013 leaked details of a secret government eavesdropping program and left the country. He faces U.S. charges that could land him in prison for up to 30 years.

Snowden has offered to return home and discuss a plea deal and even go to jail.

His revelations about the NSA, Britain's GCHQ and other intelligence agencies set off an international debate about spies' powers to monitor personal communications. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Gunman opens fire on random people in Michigan

A gunman opened fire outside an apartment complex, a car dealership and a restaurant Saturday in Michigan, killing at least six people at random, police say. They identified the shooter as Jason Dalton, 45, an Uber driver.

Kalamazoo County Undersheriff Paul Matyas described a terrifying series of attacks that began about 6 p.m. Saturday outside an apartment complex on the edge of Kalamazoo County, where a woman was shot multiple times. She was expected to survive. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Phoney health workers break into homes in Brazil

Brazilian authorities in the southern city of Joinville are warning residents to guard against fraudsters after three thieves posing as health workers working to wipe out the Zika virus entered a home and ran off with cash and electronics.

There have been 220,000 soldiers mobilized to join 300,000 health workers in house-to-house searches to eliminate possible breeding sites for the Aedes aegypti mosquito that transmits the Zika virus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GERMANY

Refugee home site of suspected arson

Onlookers celebrated as a suspected arson fire damaged a former hotel being converted into a refugee home in eastern Germany, police said Sunday, raising new concerns about violence toward migrants in a nation that registered more than a million asylum-seekers last year.

The blaze in the roof of the building in Bautzen, in the eastern state of Saxony, broke out overnight. Police said no one was injured but a group of people gathered outside, some "commenting with derogatory remarks or unashamed joy" at the fire.

While most Germans have been welcoming toward refugees, a vocal minority has staged protests in front of refugee homes, especially in the east. Germany last year saw a surge in violence against such lodgings.

Police ordered three people to leave the fire scene because they were hampering firefighters' work and then temporarily detained two of them, whom they described as intoxicated 20-year-old locals, after they ignored the order.

Investigators found traces of a fire accelerant at the scene and believe the fire was caused by arson, police said. It wasn't immediately clear whether the building can be restored.

Saxony is home to the anti-Islam and anti-immigration group PEGIDA. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two people were detained after interfering with firefighters' work, police said, after **fire damaged a hotel being converted into a refugee home.** RICO LOEB/DPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE BIG THING: ETHIOPIAN FAMINE, AGAIN

In the mid-1980s, the alarm about the devastating famine in Ethiopia was raised with the boom of bass guitars at LiveAid. This time around, we've barely heard a whimper (yet), though the current drought is much worse. **The El Niño climate has made this Ethiopia's driest season in 50 years, putting 10 million people's lives at risk** — equivalent to almost the entire pre-war population of Syria, whose crisis has garnered far more international attention. There's overwhelming need for action, and fast, but the East African nation is in a far better position to handle the challenge now than 30 years ago, when famine and concurrent political instability killed about half a million people and left scars that can still be seen today.

1 The cost of crisis The trauma of Ethiopia's 1980s food crisis can be plainly seen on the bodies of the young adults who were 12 to 36 months old during the height of the devastation. **They're profoundly stunted: an average of 5 centimetres shorter than their older peers who did not suffer starvation in the early years of life.** And those are the children who were born at all — research shows a noticeable, years-long dip in fertility among married Ethiopian couples who lived through the famine. SOURCES: DEMOGRAPHY, JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

2 Pace of progress Ethiopia is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. A more urban population means comparatively fewer people are relying directly on crops to survive. Food aid is being imported into neighbouring Djibouti and delivered to hard-hit areas of Ethiopia via a new, Chinese-built electric railway. Finally, **technologies that didn't exist in the 1980s may lessen the impact of this once-in-a-lifetime drought.** An example is an Ethiopian-made enriched peanut paste that is cheap, tasty, keeps well and can help prevent malnutrition in children. SOURCE: BBC

3 Time is ticking The Ethiopian government now has functioning "strategic grain reserves," including this depot in Adama (pictured). However, the charity **Save the Children Ethiopia says unless $245 million is pledged by foreign donors before the end of February, the country will suffer a "break in the food aid pipeline."**

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Selinger was a letdown. Too late to say sorry now.

INSIDE THE PERIMETER
Colin Fast

"Is it too late now to say sorry?"

That's the rallying cry for one of Canada's least popular public figures.

Justin Bieber? No, Premier Greg Selinger.

Selinger is the star of the provincial NDP's latest ad campaign, which features him standing alone in front of a stark white background (looking a little like he has passed on to political heaven) apologizing for everything that's gone wrong over the past few years.

Well, sort of. He never actually says he's sorry and never identifies his mistakes. Instead, Selinger simply acknowledges "It's been a tough year, and we haven't always gotten it right."

The choice of "we" is an odd one, because my most accounts it was Selinger who decided to charge ahead with increasing the PST a few years ago over protests from his caucus, and it was Selinger who decided to stay on as leader 18 months ago when nearly all his senior advisors and a number of cabinet ministers told him it was time to quit.

But regardless of whether the premier alone is to blame for the NDP's downfall, or if the mysterious "we" played a supporting role, the timing of this sorry-not-sorry is bizarre.

The time to apologize was three years ago when Selinger surprised Manitobans by increasing the provincial sales tax without any warning, or any plan on what to do with the increased revenue. That might have helped defuse the anger.

The time to apologize was two years ago, when the province finally devised a reasonable plan to invest the extra PST money in infrastructure. That might have allowed the government to move forward.

The time to apologize was one year ago, after the NDP's bloody civil war came to an end with Selinger barely clinging to power. That might have helped unite the party and set the stage for the next election.

But now? It's too little, too late. We're less than 60 days from the April 19 provincial election, and Selinger is the least popular premier in the country according to recent surveys. The referee from last week's Jets-Lightning game has better polling numbers.

For the NDP to have any hope of re-election, it should highlight members of its team — like Wab Kinew and Kevin Chief — who represent the next generation of party leadership. It should talk about its policies and priorities. It should change its colours or its slogan or its logo, or do just about anything other than push the premier front and centre.

Because if they don't change course in a hurry, Selinger and the NDP will find the next four years are going to be a lot tougher than the last one.

The time to apologize was three years ago.

Colin Fast is a communications specialist and freelance journalist in Winnipeg. Out of guilt, he avoided looking directly at his unused bike while writing this column. Find him @policyfrog on Twitter.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

The question at the end of Lent should not be 'Did I win?'

It's been almost two weeks.

Fourteen of 40 days of Lent. And I'm not sure I've changed. Yet.

I'm not drinking — a classic Catholic answer to the call to fast or do good deeds between Ash Wednesday and Easter, in order to prepare our hearts for Jesus' resurrection. But, this year, going alcohol-free feels more like a money-saving endurance test than a true Lenten effort.

Like many, I'd been seeing Lent as a kind of extreme sport: How long can I go without X? According to Google, Catholics are giving up meat in Ohio, sex in California, fried food in Kentucky, and Facebook in Oregon.

Each year, I've given up booze and figured I was being observant.

I was not.

In church on Ash Wednesday, the priest told us that he understands the desire to swear things off wholesale: He did it himself when he was child (no candy). But Lent isn't a test, he said; it's an opportunity. It's not about feats of abstinence — it's about feats of growth.

The question, at the end of it all, shouldn't be: Did I pass? Or did I win?

"The questions is, 'Have I changed?'" the priest said.

It is odd, or perhaps fitting, that Lent comes soon after the new year, a month and a half after most of us have taken stock of our lives and ourselves. Anyone religious should be pretty well situated, after all that introspective angst, to pinpoint the holes in their faith.

So, as a Catholic who rarely prays, I've decided to do it daily. I'm trying to say prayers that are hopeful, joyful, expansive (instead of the ones about how I'm sinning all the time). I'm focusing on relationships I find difficult. I'm trying to choose, in little ways, to help other people.

So far, I'd give myself a solid C+.

Which isn't so bad. Being more loving, more giving — that is never going to be easy. It takes a lot more energy and honesty than forfeiting a beer.

Ultimately, faith is supposed to bring happiness, joy, contentment. Richard Rohr, the Franciscan friar, wrote "Lent is just magnified and intensified life." Which makes this practice, this effort for change, one that anyone could, theoretically, adopt.

Not that I'm telling you what to do. And not that I'm judging other Catholics. (That wouldn't be very Christian.) And while I'm OK with my current C+, I'm a type-A competitive. And though I've set goals I can't definitively win or lose, I couldn't be more desperate for change. Even a tiny, little bit.

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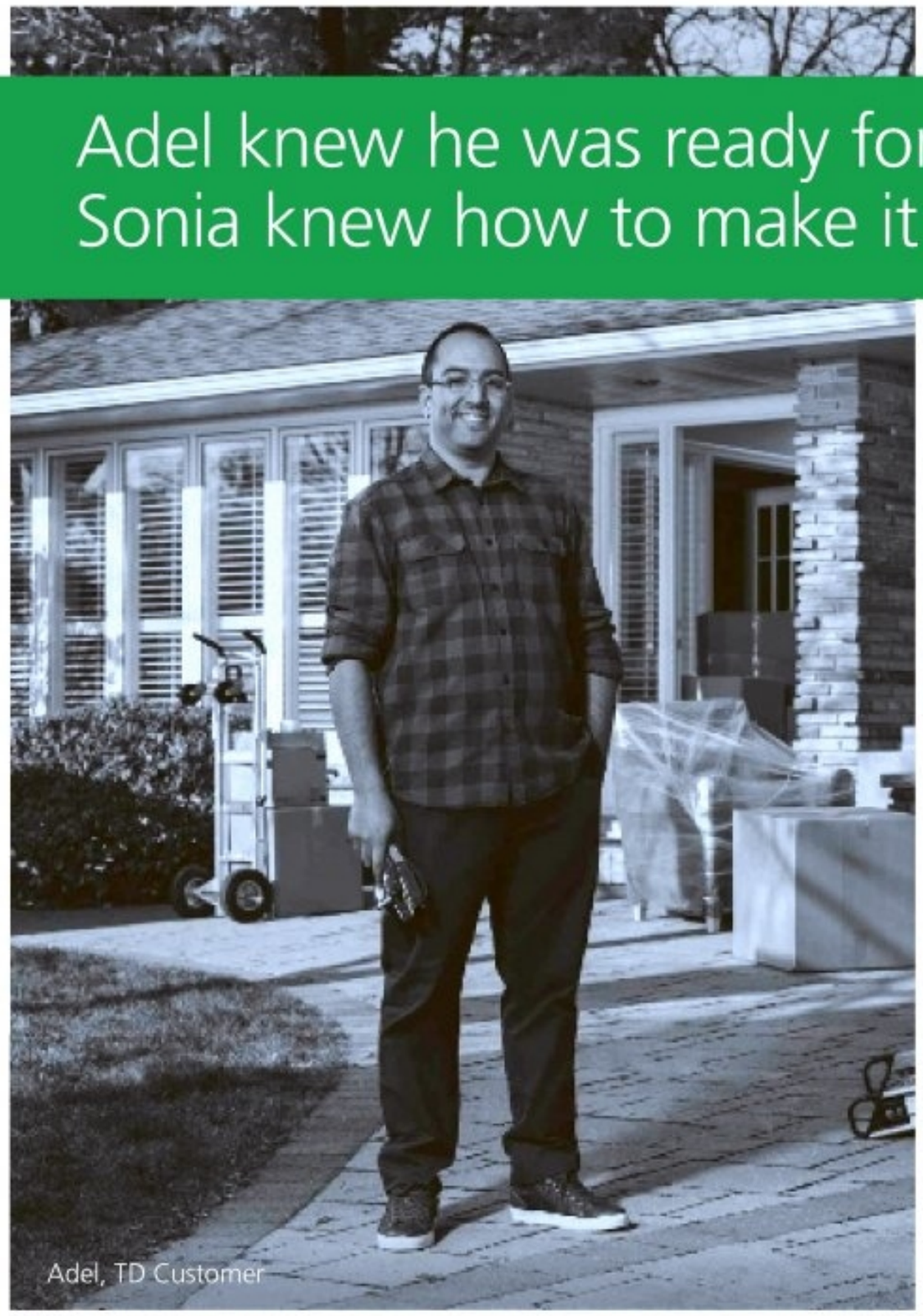

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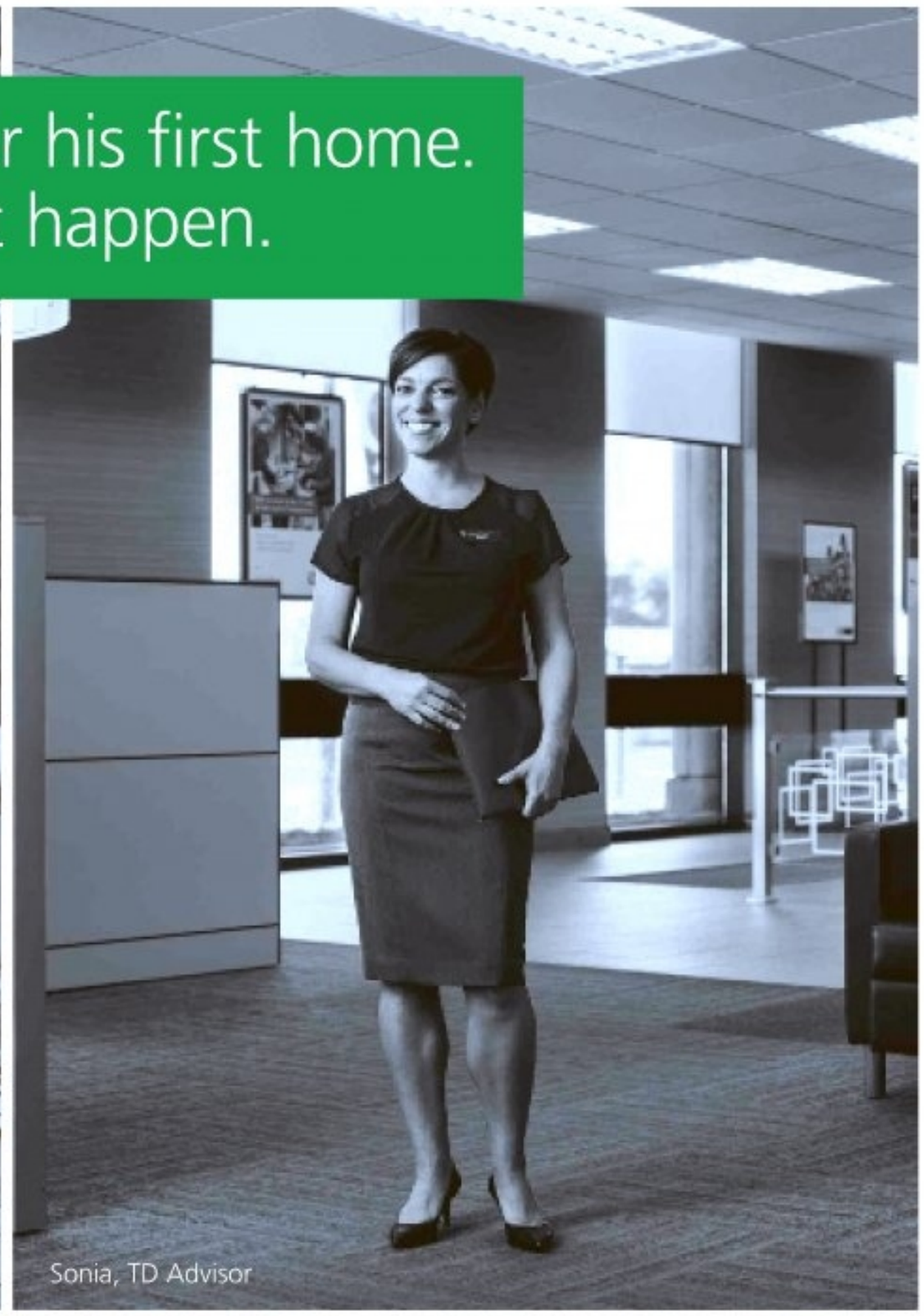

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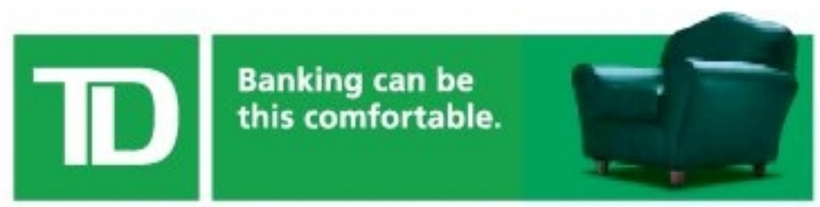

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Be calculating with your retirement savings

Michelle Williams

The lifestyle you want to lead once you retire will determine how much money you will need to save. ISTOCK

A generation ago, planning for your retirement meant saving whatever money you could. Then, when you turned 65, you'd live on your savings. There was very little accounting for lifestyle and what your dream for retirement might look like.

"We've heard many different rules of thumb about what the right number is for a successful retirement," says Jake Lockhart, a certified financial planner with Investment Planning Counsel and Lakeside Financial Planning in Kelowna, B.C. "A million dollars is a popular one. Another number you hear bandied around is 70 per cent of your pre-retirement income. Fact is, there's no magic number that suits everyone."

Surrounded by choice

"We have so many choices today when it comes to discretionary spending in our globalized world," says Serena Cheng, director of wealth management and investment advisor with Richardson GMP in Toronto. "We also have such varied interests. Is it important for you to eat out? Do you love to travel? Are you a serial shopper? We've never had the choices we have today."

For this reason, both Lockhart and Cheng agree that the first step to determining what you'll need for your retirement is to identify your lifestyle priorities.

"In our process, we ask clients to spend time analyzing the life they envision for themselves in retirement," says Lockhart. "Every detail is important, from things like whether you plan to downsize from your family home to whether you'll have to travel to visit your family out of the province."

"Once you determine that," says Cheng, "you have to figure out how much money you need to put away to allow for this lifestyle. If you're unsure, give yourself the flexibility of a bandwidth so you have a range.

"You also factor in cost of living — I use three per cent per year to be on the safe side. You don't know how long you'll live, but you have to plan out to 95 years plus because people are living longer."

Get organized

"You have to make reasonable assumptions about the return on your assets pre- and post-retirement," says Lockhart. "Before you retire, organize your affairs so you're insulated should your investments suffer due to an economic downturn, which can be especially catastrophic early in your retirement. This could mean a shift in your investment strategy and possibly the assumed post-retirement rate of return."

A common strategy is to first determine your goal (e.g., to retire at 55), then see if you have the financial resources and strategy to support that.

"We start with what your dreams are for retirement and project what it will cost. Then we look at current saving strategies and assets to see if you're on track," says Lockhart. "If there's a financial shortfall, you have to consider different options: maybe it's adjusting your lifestyle today to save more for retirement, working a few years longer or changing the style of your retirement."

Crunching the numbers

If you're thinking this sounds pretty complicated, you're right. It's not enough to do a spreadsheet of your expenses for your optimum retirement lifestyle and try to assess how much that will cost. It's a mathematical quagmire that's extremely complex for most investors to wade through, even with savvy online calculators.

"I'm not going to say you can't figure it out yourself," says Cheng, "but financial planners are equipped to ask the right questions and do the calculations to thoroughly project what you'll need so you're not left short — with too little, too late."

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Glastonbury to pay tribute to David Bowie who headlined the festival in 2000

Will Annick and Yolanda's financial goals be met? **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** has only two months left to tackle the women's largest financial burdens and teach them to allocate resources.

Prioritizing debt repayment

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: We've been following two young women as they get serious about making progress on their money. They have 12 weeks to crush their debt, start saving for the future and break bad spending habits. Can financial guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie turn the financial tides for these ladies?

THIS WEEK: Where do you turn when you're in a financial pinch? For so many it's friends and family first, then traditional forms of credit such as consolidation loans or credit cards. Annick has laid her financial cards on the table and must choose which loans get paid off first.

NEXT WEEK: Yolanda wants to be a homeowner, which means she must save at least $25,000 for a down payment plus closing costs. The big question is whether she should move back home or not. Every financial decision has a financial and emotional trade-off — both good and bad.

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THE SITUATION

Annick owes money to friends and family not because of overspending, but rather she borrowed for the damage deposit on her Calgary apartment and to furnish it with the basics.

Like so many young Albertans, she'd hoped for a higher salary post-graduation, but landed in a rotten economy and was earning half what the recruitment officers in her energy management program said was the going rate for new graduates.

Within three months of full-time work, Annick confronted her finances and determined a second job would be necessary to afford the payments on her credit cards and other loans. She also started taking advantage of free city programs such as the theatre and discounts on transit for those with lower income.

Today she's putting $1,125 per month towards her debt and is on track to eliminate her loans to friends and family by March 1. At this pace, Annick will be consumer-debt free (not including student loans) by July.

Annick is putting over a thousand dollars a month against her debt to reach her goal of becoming consumer-debt free by July. JENNIFER FRIESEN

THE LESSON

In my experience, borrowing money from friends and family causes anxiety and can cost you your relationship.

Imagine showing up at your mother's home in new kicks when you still owe her $1,000. She'll be angry and dinner will taste awful.

Balances and interest aside, I recommend you prioritize repayments to friends and family first, then move on to the next highest interest debt followed by the next. For example, pay your brother first, then Visa (18 per cent), then the line of credit (8 per cent), then your personal loan (6 per cent), and on you go.

What's important for Annick is a reward at the end of this tunnel of debt. So she's decided that once July hits and she has better cash flow, she'll save up to take an affordable trip to visit a friend in Miami later in the fall. We'll tackle the Canadian/U.S. exchange rate when the time comes.

$ MONEY

Annick's monthly budget

The Budget: Annick uses a budget to manage her monthly cash flow. It's straightforward. She tallies up her income and subtracts her expenses to get to her bottom line. Because she's on a mission to become debt free, any extra cash Annick has should go directly toward her debts.

Income (take home)	**$2,450**
Expenses:	
Rent	$750
Groceries	$250
Utilities, Internet & cellphone	$125
Entertainment & gifts	$125
Personal care	$75
Visa	$125
MasterCard	$50
Student loans	$150
Other loans	$800
Total Expenses	**$2,450**
Bottom Line	**$0**

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Raising kids: It's not all about piano lessons

Give kids a role instead of assigning chores. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

CHORES

Kids who don't help at home are ill-prepared adults: Author

Psst. There's an untapped resource in your household and it's hidden inside your kids.

Yes, beneath that veil of feigned incompetence, and even in spite of their wide portfolios of extra-curricular activities, your kids can — and should — be doing more work around the house.

"Parents really underestimate what their children can do," says Melinda Blau, author of numerous parenting books, the latest of which is Family Whispering: The Baby Whisperer's Commonsense Strategies for Communicating and Connecting with the People you Love and Making Your Whole Family Stronger.

Even though we may well remember mowing the lawn by age 9 and making meals by 11, today's time-pressed parents tend to be more concerned with marshalling their kids through homework, lessons and activities.

But this not only creates an imbalance in the household responsibilities that fall to the grownups, it also robs our kids of the most important knowledge we can pass on.

"The one thing people don't do is tell kids how to run a household, and that's the one thing they're all going to have to do in their lives," says Blau, a Northampton, Mass.-based writer.

"It's the most important life skill. How do you do laundry? How does food get on the table? How does the floor stay clean?"

When all we ever ask of the kids is to do their homework and practise the piano, we end up making domestic duties kind of invisible to our kids — and establishing a precedent that it's the parents' job to take care of everything else. It's no wonder then that so many of them leave for university with little clue how to look after themselves.

Blau suggests we shift our focus away from the parent-child relationship and instead put an emphasis on the family as a whole, involving the kids in all aspects of family life. This creates an investment in the well-being of the family unit, she says.

> **All of the jobs that are required in a household are things that kids can do to varying degrees if we let them try.**
> Melinda Blau, author of Family Whispering

Rather than presenting domestic responsibilities as chores, we should instead talk about roles.

The problem with chores is that we greet those with an "assignment mentality," says Blau. "It's far better that kids step into a role than parents assign chores."

"Every house needs a vacuumer, a cook, a sweeper, a pet feeder as well as a sous chef," says Blau.

She advocates discussing these roles at frequent family "check-ins" — a term she prefers to the more ominous sounding "family meeting."

"You make them aware of all these things and that, since we're all part of the family, we're all going to do those jobs."

Then based on age and interest, the family decides together who will fill each role.

Let's say a child needs a reminder to take care of something that's become their duty — like feed the cat, for instance. "Instead of saying, 'Hey, you didn't do your chore," you say, 'Puffy looks hungry.' You give them the chance not to be wrong.

"All of the jobs that are required in a household are things that kids can do to varying degrees if we let them try. We wait until they're teenagers and then we're upset because they're lazy."

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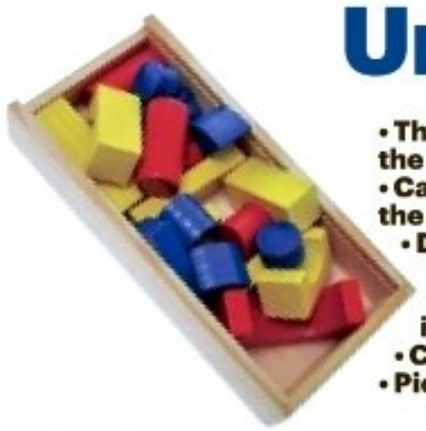
BY AGE WHAT CHORES YOUR KIDS COULD BE DOING TO HELP



Under 3

- Throw dirty clothes into the hamper
- Carry light bags in from the car
- Do simple cooking tasks like sprinkling or mixing pre-measured ingredients
- Clean small spills
- Pick up toys

3 to 5

- Sort dark and light wash
- Vacuum and dust furniture
- Set table and load dishwasher
- Spread butter on sandwiches
- Feed pets

5 to 7

- Use washer and dryer
- Fold and put away clothing
- Make own sandwich
- Peel vegetables
- Clean sink and bathtub

7 to 10

- Do own laundry
- Chop and slice food items
- Clean own bedroom thoroughly
- Wash patio
- Clean inside of car

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Male friendship in dire straits

THE SHOW: Mad Dogs, Season 1, Episode 4 (Shomi/Amazon)
THE MOMENT: The Admission

Cast of Mad Dogs. CONTRIBUTED

Four friends who've lost touch have reunited in Belize, at the luxe beachside villa of their mysterious friend Milo (Billy Zane). There's Joel, the bitter one (Ben Chaplin); Lex, the one in recovery (Michael Imperioli); Gus, the seemingly responsible one (Romany Malco); and Cobi, the screw-up (Steve Zahn). But this paradise is a sh—show: Milo is mixed up with drug lords and dirty cops.

Now the four are holed up in the kitchen, facing death, while a long night passes.

"I didn't call your wife, she called me," Joel finally admits to Cobi. "I've known her longer than you have. She wanted to sit down and talk."

Cobi sneers.

"Don't insult me, Joel," he says.

"Guys don't sit down and talk. Guys avoid all forms of discussion — unless we think there's going to be a f— at the end of it. Then we're all ears."

Between this, Vinyl and Billions, there are a lot of shouty dudes on TV all of a sudden, pounding their chests at one another.

Mad Dogs is the most amped up: a thumping score, marauding assassins, carved-up corpses. But the mayhem turns out to be just an extreme backdrop against which to explore male friendship.

The quartet share one thing: each feels like a loser. But not until the blood hits the fan do any of them own up to that.

Mad Dogs takes the cliché about men — that they won't discuss their feelings unless you put a gun to their heads — and makes it literal.

Before you tie the knot

PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?

12 things to do ahead of saying your I dos

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

1. Talk about the money. Communication is Job One in the survival of any relationship. If you truly plan to share a life, bare your financial soul to your partner and insist your buddy tell you everything.

2. Create a budget. You need to be on the same page about where the money should be going. Then it's easy to decide what to buy and when. You simply ask, "Where does this fit in the budget?" Work together to make room, cutting a little of her golfing and his beer-with-the-boys to come up with the money.

3. Don't put one guy in charge. When one mate is excluded or totally abdicates responsibility, things can get messy. Your partner might sail your love-boat onto a reef or grow resentful at always having to do the job. You should each feel involved in the big financial decisions and understand the day-to-day details.

4. Face up to your debt. If you can't be debt free when you hook up, at the very least you should have a plan for getting there. Never sign for each other's debt. If your buddy needs help to pay off the debt, do it without putting your name on the paperwork.

5. Talk about your dreams and your goals. Whether you want to own your own home, start a family or go into business for yourself, you need to break your goal down into manageable steps.

6. Build in some fun money. Consider allotting each partner weekly or monthly fun money that can be used for anything that body desires.

7. Plan for emergencies. Without a stash of cash at the ready to deal with whatever life throws at you, you won't have the means to cope. Have enough cash available to cover six months' worth of essential living expenses.

8. Maintain your financial independence. That idea of independence makes some people want to duck and hide behind words like love, trust, honour and team. But independence doesn't negate any of those things. It enhances them because each and every day you're choosing to be together. Keep your own financial ID by having your own credit history and savings.

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9. Talk to your HR department. Reassess what's available to you now that you're a family. Update your beneficiary designations for your insurance policies and retirement accounts.

10. Check your insurance. Marriage indicates "stability" and can have a positive effect on your auto insurance rates. Combine all your insurance with one carrier and you'll pay less.

11. Make new wills and powers of attorney. Your spouse doesn't have the right to speak for you unless you give him/her that right. And your old will is defunct when you tie the knot unless you made it in contemplation of the marriage.

12. Don't sweat the small stuff. Marriage is tough enough. Don't spend your relationship getting your britches in a knot over every little thing. If the small stuff adds up to big problems, it's usually because you aren't on the same page when it comes to your priorities. Get talking!

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

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SHORT-TERM MARRIAGE CONTRACTS

Putting wedded bliss on a new — shorter — lease

In 1509, a teenage English king tied the knot with a young lady named Catherine. Things went downhill from there.

There were affairs, beheadings and a grand total of six wives for Henry VIII who — amid the chaos of his love life — started a new church, packed on the pounds, then kicked the bucket at the age of 55.

The portly king could have avoided the whole mess with a wedding lease, perhaps.

According to some legal and economic experts, short-term marriage contracts should be another option for couples, alongside traditional lifelong marriage. Divorce rates are rising, they argue, so why not make splitting up a little easier?

"When you have this short-term marriage, you get a fresh start again," says France-based economist Stefania Marcassa, who has written about the economics of short-term marriage contracts. It's an area that has surprisingly received little interest so far, she says.

But throughout history, people have tossed around similar concepts. British philosopher Jeremy Bentham wrote about short-term marriages in the late 1700s, and politicians in a few regions — including Germany and Mexico City — have proposed short-term marriages, for two years and seven years, respectively.

"My view is that, economically, it would make sense to have other forms of marriage contracts," says Marcassa, an assistant professor of economics at Université de Cergy-Pontoise.

"In many countries, the cost of divorce is pretty high," Marcassa continues, adding, "Why do you have to waste money, if you can just decide to write it up before you get married?"

In Canada, around 70,000 people get divorced every year, according to the latest Statistics Canada data.

So how would a "wedlease" work? Two people commit themselves to a set time period for their marriage, Rampell explains. Maybe it's one year, five years, 10 years — whatever works. They could renew the lease at the end of the term as many times as they want, or if it goes sour, there's a clean split.

Véronique Laliberté, a notary in Gatineau, Que., wrote about a similar concept while doing her master's degree in law. At the end of a short-term marriage contract, she says couples could have three options.

"One would be a marriage for life, like it is right now," she says. "The second one is to do a new contract for another five years. And the third option is to get divorced (based on) what you put into your contract at the beginning."

Laliberté hopes short-term contracts will one day be a real option in Canada, since so many people are scared of, or don't fully understand, the notion of a lifelong marriage.

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Henry VIII and his first wife Catherine of Aragon. HANDOUT

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Minimizing mess unlikely

"The thing about relationships is a lot of logic goes out the window when your heart's involved," says Irene Oudyk-Suk, a couples and sex therapist in Toronto.

"If you're with somebody for five or 10 years, you're going to run into problems that no contract is going to help you through. You're going to have to use your heart."

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In an all-time through-the-looking-glass moment, the Don Mattingly-managed Miami Marlins will have a policy of no facial hair for 2016

WOMEN'S SOCCER

U.S. beats Canada in final of qualifier

Becky Sauerbrunn, right, of the U.S. and Canada's Melissa Tancredi battle for the ball on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Lindsey Horan and Tobin Heath scored in the second half and the United States defeated Canada 2-0 Sunday in the final match at the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying tournament.

Both teams had already claimed the region's two spots in the Rio Olympics this summer with semifinal victories. Alex Morgan scored three goals in a 5-0 U.S. victory Friday over Trinidad and Tobago, while Christine Sinclair scored twice in Canada's 3-1 win over Costa Rica.

The United States has won the past three gold medals and four overall since women's soccer became an Olympic sport in 1996. Canada, the bronze medallists in the 2012 London Games, will be making its third straight trip to the Olympics.

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NASCAR

Hamlin wins by a hair in Daytona 500

Joe Gibbs wanted another ring and Denny Hamlin got it for him in the closest Daytona 500 finish in history.

Hamlin raced to his first Daytona 500 victory Sunday, the first for Toyota, and the first in 23 years for Joe Gibbs Racing.

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Hamlin's margin of victory over Truex.

The three-time Super Bowl winning coach made it clear during Speedweeks that he wanted another Daytona 500 victory, and his drivers were clear on the task at hand. All four JGR cars pulled the field in the closing laps with Matt Kenseth out front and leading Martin Truex Jr., a Toyota teammate.

Hamlin waited until one lap to go to pull out of line and hope to get a big enough shove to get to Kenseth.

Kenseth tried to block his teammate, Hamlin wedged his car between Kenseth and Truex, and raced Truex side-by-side to the checkered flag.

Kenseth faded to 14th.

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NBA IN BRIEF

Love leads Cavs past OKC

Kevin Love scored 29 points to help the streaking Cleveland Cavaliers roll past the Oklahoma City Thunder 115-92 on Sunday.

Love was 9-for-18 shooting from the field and 11-for-12 at the free-throw line to match his second-best scoring performance of the season.

LeBron James had 25 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds for Cleveland, which won its fifth straight.

Kevin Durant scored 26 points and Russell Westbrook had 20 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for Oklahoma City. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raptors have a triumphant return home over Grizzlies

The Toronto Raptors marked their return home with a victory on Sunday.

DeMar DeRozan had 21 points, while Kyle Lowry added 18 to lead the Raptors over the Memphis Grizzlies 98-85 in their first game in Toronto in three weeks.

Cory Joseph scored 14 points, while Jonas Valanciunas added 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds for Toronto (36-18).

Zach Randolph led Memphis (32-23) with 18 points. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta perfect through 3 matches

SCOTTIES

Carey and crew atop standings with win over Team Canada

Alberta skip Chelsea Carey makes a shot against Team Canada in Grande Prairie, Alta., on Saturday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The host province was quick out of the gates at the Canadian women's curling championship.

Chelsea Carey's foursome out of Calgary went 3-0 on opening weekend at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Grande Prairie, Alta.

Early wins are insurance against the emotional and physical slings and arrows of an 11-game preliminary round, says the skip.

"You want to get as many wins as you can obviously," Carey said. "The sooner you get them the better. It only gets tougher as the week goes on typically."

Alberta downed B.C.'s Karla Thompson 8-5 and beat Stacie Curtis of Newfoundland and Labrador 6-4 on Sunday.

The Glencoe Club's Carey, third Amy Nixon, second Jocelyn Peterman and lead Laine Peters opened with a resounding 12-5 win over defending champion Jennifer Jones the previous day.

Alberta is considered the main challenger to Jones's bid for back-to-back titles and the sixth of her career.

With a draw remaining Sunday, Quebec's Marie France Larouche and Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville were both 2-0.

Jones, Ontario's Jenn Hanna, Prince Edward Island's Suzanne Birt, New Brunswick's Sylvie Robichaud and Manitoba's Kerri Einarson were all 1-1.

Nova Scotia's Jill Brothers and Saskatchewan's Jolene Campbell finished the day 1-2, while B.C. and Newfoundland were both winless.

The top four teams at the conclusion of the preliminary round Friday advance to the Page playoff. Ties for fourth will be solved by tiebreaker games.

The winner of the Feb. 28 final represents Canada at the women's world curling championship March 19-27 in Swift Current, Sask., and returns to next year's Scotties in St. Catharines, Ont., as Team Canada.

The victor also gains automatic berths in this year's Canada Cup in Brandon, Man., and the 2017 World Financial Group Continental Cup in Las Vegas.

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NHL

Wild leave Blackhawks out in the cold

Matt Dumba, left, celebrates scoring a goal with Wild teammate Justin Fontaine on Sunday. HANNAH FOSLIEN/GETTY IMAGES

SUNDAY In Minneapolis

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WILD	HAWKS

Jason Pominville and Erik Haula each had a goal and two assists, and the Minnesota Wild celebrated the first outdoor game in franchise history with a 6-1 victory on Sunday over the Chicago Blackhawks.

In front of a crowd of 50,426 at TCF Bank Stadium on the University of Minnesota campus with an ideal faceoff temperature of 1 C, the Wild turned the NHL's 17th edition of open-air hockey into a romp past their post-season nemesis and primary rival.

Nino Niederreiter and Ryan Carter each added a goal and an assist, and Matt Dumba and Thomas Vanek also scored.

The Wild improved to 4-0 under interim coach John Torchetti and 3-0 this season against the Blackhawks, the team that has eliminated them from the playoffs in each of the past three years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Carrot Soup

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

A rich and naturally sweet soup that will make you forget there are four more weeks until spring. Hey, there's only four more weeks!

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 40 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp of olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 inch of fresh ginger, minced
- 1 tsp chili
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 3 or 4 carrots, peeled and chopped (enough for about 3 cups)
- 3 cups low sodium vegetable or chicken stock
- Juice of half a lemon (about 2 or 3 Tbsp)
- Plain yogurt to garnish

Directions
1. Warm a glug or two of olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat.
2. Sauté onions, garlic and ginger for about 2 minutes. Stir in spices and cook for another minute or so. Add carrots and stir well until they are coated lightly in oil and spice. Add stock and increase the heat until it boils. Reduce and allow to simmer for about 20 minutes or until carrots are quite tender.
3. Purée in small batches until the soup is quite smooth. You may need to add a little water or stock to thin it if it's too thick. Stir in lemon juice. Taste and check seasoning.
4. Serve garnished with yogurt.

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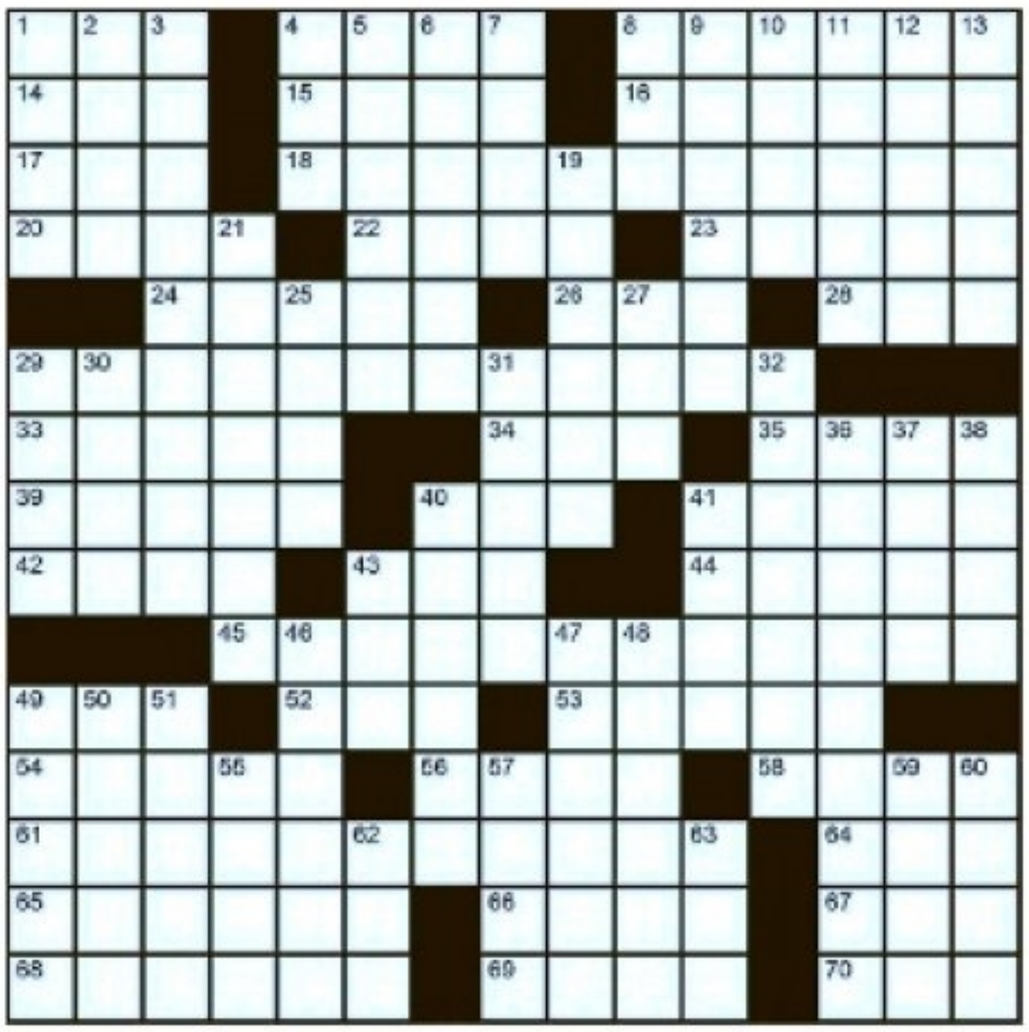
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



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1. Feminine pronoun
4. _ Doble (Ballroom dance)
8. Beatles: "_ the Universe"
14. That guy
15. Carnivorous Cretaceous creature, curtly
16. Russia: Called the 'Blue Eye of Siberia', it's the world's oldest/deepest lake
17. Sphere
18. Military officer/explorer/fur trader born in Trois-Rivieres who explored beyond Lake Superior and into Western Canada, Pierre Gaultier de Varennes et de _ _ (b.1685 - d.1749)
20. Lima's land
22. Athapaskan-speaking people of the Northwest Territories
23. Quit
24. Dancing _ _ (Delighted)
26. Born, in bridal bios
28. Drench
29. Ipsos Reid conducts them: 2 wds.
33. Watery word with 'Wave'
34. Hat, slang-style
35. Rupture
39. Particulars
40. 'Cent' add-on (Man/horse creature)
41. English author A.A.
42. Concern
43. Offshoot
44. Overact in the play
45. "_ _ _ (You Know I Love You)" by Shania Twain
49. Electrical resistance unit
52. Actress Charlotte
53. Left-for-too-long loaf's condition
54. White wine of Italy
56. Climber's need
58. Rapscallions
61. Like products not tested on animals: 2 wds.
64. Dig in
65. Counsel
66. Satiate
67. Ms. Peeples
68. Staggered
69. Leaf-to-branch attachment
70. Attempt

DOWN
1. Buy stuff
2. Fill a position
3. Do some needlework
4. 1980s scandal-ridden televangelism org.
5. "You Turn Me On, I'm _ _" by Joni Mitchell
6. Ontario's Trent-_ Waterway
7. Farm's cart-pulling team
8. Mr. Vigoda
9. Delete
10. Go by bike
11. Gumbo ingredients
12. "All right, if you _ _," (I guess you're right then)
13. Get some beauty rest
19. 1875: Impressionist painter of The Skiff
21. Not identified
25. Feels yucky
27. Antiquity
29. Ear-related
30. Pocket bread
31. Eve _ (Jan on "The Brady Bunch")
32. Activators of reactions
36. Headed for a Vegas chapel reason
37. Opposing
38. Film critic Rex
40. Blood carrier type
41. Prefix to 'morphosis'
43. Anecdotal collection
46. "You better..." ultimatum ender: 2 wds.
47. Vivacity
48. Sam _ (Famous officer of the North West Mounted Police)
49. "The Odd Couple" role
50. Drove of people
51. Purple hue
55. Screen
57. Slays, slangily
59. Couple
60. Remain
62. Mr. Danson
63. Furniture wood

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your nerves may be on edge a little but don't worry too much because nothing bad is likely to happen. Try not to change your everyday routine, as minor alterations could confuse you in major ways.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You need to decide where your affections belong. According to the planets, there's no middle ground. If you can't make a reasoned decision yourself the full moon will make it for you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You've been astonishingly ambitious but something will happen that makes you wonder if it's worth all the effort. No matter how disillusioned you may be you must not give up.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today's full moon will force you to do the opposite of what you were planning. There's no point making a big scene about it, just do what is expected of you, and do it well.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You must either earn more or spend less — it's as simple as that. The full moon will point you in the right direction. You'll have cash in your pocket again soon.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will come to a new understanding with someone you have clashed with in the past. There may be some tension in your relationship but if you discuss your differences you can and you will overcome them.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The most important lessons don't have to be painful but they usually are. You can sense that something needs to be changed, and if you find out what it is and do what has to be done you can bypass the pain.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No one and nothing can stop you. But you can still stop yourself, simply by allowing your fears to get the better of you. Ignore the doubts the full moon is putting into your head.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The planets warn you need to accept that in one area of your life you are out of your depth and must concede defeat. But it's no big deal. You will bounce back bigger and better.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You've all the charm you need to win friends and influence people, so reach out to those you would usually be afraid to approach because you think they're too good for you. They won't be above you for long.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take the kind of drastic action you usually prefer to avoid. You must realize that, as far as your finances are concerned, nothing can be taken for granted any more.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
What occurs next will bring into the open a conflict that has been simmering for quite some time. That's good. The more you try to deny that it exists the worse it will get.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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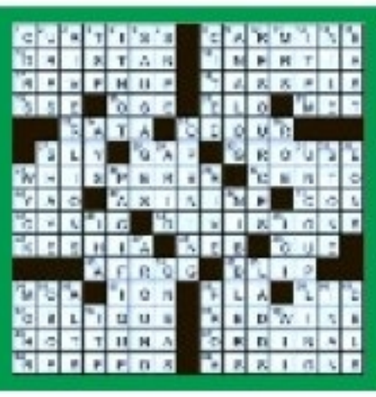

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